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a mechanically embossed portion that is cured prior to mechanically embossing,

wherein said chemically embossed portion has at least one chemical emboss depth that is greater than the mechanical emboss depth of any portion of said mechanically embossed portion.

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24. (Amended) The floor covering according to claim 23, further comprising a design layer over a portion of said foam layer.

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30. (Amended) The floor covering according to claim 23, further comprising a backing layer on said foam and a strengthening layer located between said backing layer and said foam layer.

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[Please add the following new claims:]

-- 39. A floor covering comprising:

a chemically embossed portion; and

a mechanically embossed portion that is cured prior to mechanically embossing to produce a sharp embossment,

wherein said chemically embossed portion has at least one chemical emboss depth that is greater than the mechanical emboss depth of any portion of said mechanically embossed portion.